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8. We also discussed the use of sodium pentathol as an anesthesia, and its relative effectiveness as a drug for loosening the tongue. [REDACTED] said that it is his conclusion after years of experience with it, that a patient will speak no more freely under the effects of sodium pentathol than he will after liberal consumption of alcohol. It lifts inhibitions indeed, he said, but should not be considered more effective for elicitation than getting a man drunk.

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